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Sir:

Applicant petitions for a three-month extension of the period in which to respond to the Official Action dated June 27, 2003, to expire December 29, 2003 (with December 27, 2003 being a Saturday). A check for the \$475.00 fee is attached. If missing or of the incorrect amount, please charge or credit deposit account no. 11-0553.

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